

Sir *Thomas Fairfax's*

# LETTER

To the Honorable,  
*William Lenthall* Esq; Speaker of  
the House of COMMONS;

OF

All the Particulars concerning the taking of  
*BRIDGEWATER.*

Together with

A List of the Persons of quality,  
and Prisoners taken in the Fight  
and Town.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this  
Letter be forthwith printed and published :

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norable House of Commons, July 28. 1645.





To the Honourable VVilliam Lenthall  
Esquire, Speaker of the House of  
Commons.

Mr. Speaker,



Dipatched hence Letters yesterday to the Committee of both Kingdoms, which gave some account of Gods Blessing upon our endeavours, in the Storm of *Bridgewater*: On Monday morning last, we gained that part of the Town which lyes on this side the River, and therein above 600. prisoners, divers Officers of quality, and two peece of Ordinance: The Enemy fired that part of the Town, wherein we were immediatly after our entrance, which continuing all that day, and the next night, burned down all the houses, except two or three; Yesterday, perceiving an obstinate resolution in the Enemy not to yield the Town, I was forced to use those extreamities for the Reducing of it, which brought them immediatly to a Parley, and in short to yield the Town, upon no other terms then bare Quarter: We entred the Town this day, finding great store of Armes and Ammunition, thirty eight peece of Ordinance, above one thousand Prisoners, and amongst them, divers persons of great quality, as you will perceive by the List inclosed. I have not much time to spend here, and therefore did immedi-

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atly dispose the Command of it for the present, to Col: *Birche*, as Governour, wherein I doubt not of your Approbation: And I believe the Commissioners of the Army will offer something further concerning him, for the future settlement of the place: He is a Gentleman of known worth and integrity, and his Regiment at present with Major Generall *Massey*, and I believe, will with Gods blessing, give you a good account of it: There was found in the Town, a Commission from Prince *Charles*, to one *Philips* a Gentleman of this County, to raise a Regiment of Clubmen (which I have sent by Mr. *Peters*.) I am very desirous to give some encouragement to the Army for their many services, and especially for their honest and sober demeanour this day towards the Prisoners and Town, in refraining that violence and injury, which hath oftentimes brought dishonour upon most of the Armies in this Kingdom, which may be an encouragement to them in the like for the future: I make no doubt but you will be well satisfied in what I shall do, and I assure you, it shall be with as little burthen to the State as may be: I beseech you, Sir, take into your consideration the necessities of the Army for a speedy supply of money, cloathes, and other Provisions, wherewith this Bearer Master *Peters* will more particular'y acquaint you: who can likewise informe you more largely in all particulars of this late Action, then I can now write, I remain

July 23. 1645. eight  
at night.

Your most Humble Servant

THO: FAIRFAX.

*A List of the Prisoners and Persons taken at the Storming of Bridgewater by Sir Tho: Fairfax.*

Hostages for the delivering up the Town,	{	<i>Sir Iohn Heal,</i>	} <i>Tho: Elliot,</i> <i>Agent.</i>
		<i>Sir Hugh Windham,</i>	
		<i>Master Waldion,</i>	
		<i>Master War,</i>	
		<i>Major Sydenham.</i>	

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<i>Coll. Winham,</i>	<i>Capt. Atkin.</i>	<i>Littleton.</i>
<i>Governor.</i>	<i>Winter.</i>	<i>Roberts.</i>
<i>Coll. Robert</i>	<i>Fouks.</i>	<i>Hilliard.</i>
<i>Phillips.</i>	<i>Tilsdey.</i>	<i>Bryan.</i>
<i>Colonell Dyer, of</i>	<i>Boyse.</i>	<i>Iervoys.</i>
<i>Horse.</i>	<i>Vine.</i>	<i>Fry.</i>
<i>Col. Chester.</i>	<i>Clapton.</i>	<i>Pyam.</i>
	<i>Harvey.</i>	<i>Philips.</i>
<i>Lieut. Colonell</i>	<i>Read.</i>	<i>Confull.</i>
<i>Cooper.</i>	<i>Bessy.</i>	<i>Pitman.</i>
<i>Lieut. Colonell</i>	<i>Culam.</i>	<i>Dyamond.</i>
<i>Overton.</i>	<i>Clarke.</i>	<i>Lieutenants,</i>
<i>Lieut. Col. Pitman</i>	<i>Nash.</i>	<i>Stroughton.</i>
<i>Lieut. Col. Miller.</i>	<i>Richard Brag.</i>	<i>Bond.</i>
<i>Lieut. Col. Moon.</i>	<i>Iohn Brag.</i>	<i>Hamond.</i>
<i>Major Sydenham.</i>		<i>Caymond.</i>
<i>Major Buskin.</i>	<i>For Horse.</i>	<i>Nowell.</i>
	<i>Rawley.</i>	<i>Martyn.</i>
<i>Captains,</i>	<i>Wyat.</i>	<i>Iohnson.</i>

Green.

Greenwood.  
Kelsey.  
Cowley.  
Barkin.  
Barnet.  
Lane.  
Powell,  
Johnson.  
Hauham.

*Cornets,*

White.  
Clarke.  
Pet.  
Haynes.  
Read.  
Chalk.

*Ensignes.*

Bissey.  
Allen.  
Morgan.  
Wake.  
Parfit.  
Tuenie.  
Fouke.  
Sheare.  
Sheapard.  
Leyton.  
Bincham.  
Griffin.  
Stamp.  
Ioanes.  
Bettifon.

Edwards.  
Huggen.  
Belchar.  
Nurten.  
Willis.  
Highgate.

*Quarter-masters,*

Yokney.  
Bell.  
Marlow.  
Fellow.  
Colling-bridge.  
Esmond.  
Gasse.

*Commissaries,*

Holman.  
Muston, *Senior.*  
Muston, *Junior.*  
Calmer.  
Warman.

Mordant Spring,  
*Engineer and his  
man.*

*Physitians,*  
Doctor Web.

*Apothecary,*  
Tho: Clergy.

*Chirurgeons,*  
Henry Dyer.

Dodsworth.  
Gerrard, *Chirurgion to Prince  
Rupert, and his  
Mate.*  
Lashoofey,  
*a Frenchman.*

*Priests,*  
Doctor Rawley  
*Dean of Wells.*  
Lacy *Priest to  
Prince Rupert.*  
Greenfield.  
Capt. Duton, *a  
Dean.*

Brag.  
Fane.  
Stockman.  
Butler.  
Glover.  
Sydenham.  
Holmes.  
Powell, *and o-  
thers.*

*Gentlemen,*  
Sir Ed w. Savage.  
Master Miller.  
Master Walrond.  
Coningsby.  
Sydenham.  
Phil: Sydenham.  
Wil: Sydenham.  
Read.



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Geo: Rawleigh.	Steyman.	<i>man.</i>
Hen: Rawleigh.	Smith.	Seaman.
Clergy.	Andrews.	Sandford.
Ketney.	Knight.	Rayman.
Read.	Nich. Hollis.	Bruinsweed.
Tho: Hopkins.	Hall.	Dower.
Brinsby,	Prat.	Marston.
Greenwood.	Collier.	Hopkins.
Web.	Edwards.	Foster.
Sterney.	Boniface a french	Francis.

Other Officers too many to name, and there were about 1500. souldiers, besides 700. this day taken.

Sir *John Digby* died in the Town two dayes before the storme; Sir *William Courtney* shot in both thighs, and conveyed out; women and children went forth the Town: Sir *Arthur Ashton* taken at Sea, the Colours are gathering up, though most burnt.

Ammunition, forty two pieces of Ordnance, thirty Barrels of Powder, great store of Musquets, &c.

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Ind. ad. 1875

Presented by the Committee on the  
in Parliament, That the  
the following  
for the year 1875 and 1876.

H. Elphinstone, Esq. & Co. Ltd.





